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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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Serial Nos. 15, 37(a), 41 & 142

Part B for ~~October~~ May 1915

SUBJECT.

Re the Establishment of a Sanskrit Academy at Bangalore

SC No 142

To Mahabhagavat Esq^r
Kurtkoti - Bombay Presidency

5132

No ~~862~~ & 29-5-1915.

Calls for further information as to the definite idea of the contemplated Sanscrit Academy, the work proposed to be ~~done~~ and the object to be achieved and requires satisfactory indications to show that the scheme meets with adequate financial and other support.

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A C Linnappa
6/5/15.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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From

Hon. Pte Secy to H.H

No. 1740 Dated 9.10.14 Received

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards petn. dt 5.10.14 from Mr. Mahabhagavat (of Kumbakonam) re help to establish a Sanskrit Academy at Bangalore.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Dewan's remark dt 13.10.14.

1 "To the Secy - The views of the 1st member may be ascertained on his return to duty"

Secy's order dt 14.10.14.

2 " Submit on the 20th inst. (24 C.S.B)

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Sub
SW
24/10 Secy

21/10

3 Sub to 1st member

CSS
27/10/14
Hon
27/10

4 Ask this gentleman to give us a more definite idea of what he means by a Sanskrit academy and what work is proposed to be done & what object achieved by it. It is only after getting it that Govt can consider what help may be promised - H

22/10/14

5 Please write angly

CSS
27/10/14
Hon
27/10

Send with a draft letter.

SW
Asst Secy

6 Issue

Hon
28/10

CSS
27/10/14
Hon

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37(a)	To Mr. Mahabharat. 862 dy 29.10.14 Enquires accordingly.
41	From Mr. Mahabharat of Kuttkoti Letter dy 19.11.14.

Refers to an outline of his scheme which he says he has submitted to the Dewan and states that the chief object is to bring together on the same platform the Eastern & the Western scholars of Sanskrit, the old pandits and the modern critics, and to give the benefit of such literary coopn to the public at large.

7 The second communication is as vague as the first. The scheme said to have been submitted to the Dewan may contain details. This may be sent
8 (to the Dewans Office for favour of putting up the papers
Referred to
28/11/14. 9. Yes. Mm 30/11

10. To Mr Dewans Office—27.4.15 Papers as per list attached are put up. Supdt in VI) CKR 5.12.14

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1-12-14

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Subd. with the D-O.-file of papers received from the Dewan's Office.
A typed memo. signed by Mr Mahathayarah and dated 17 Apr 14 gives a brief statement of the objects, means & requirements of the movement.
E SW 5/12/14 12. It appears a sum of two lakhs is wanted for the undertaking - ~~xxxx~~ that the Dewan would not promise definitely what State aid would be given until what the ~~xxx~~ public were going to pay was known and that the Bombay public would not say what they would do until they knew what the Mysore Govt would pay - Subd with reference to para 4 above
hg 9.12.14
(Sd) 13. 1st member.

CSB 9/12/14

14. If the scheme meets with sufficient public support and arrangements are perfected to place it on a satisfactory and permanent basis, we may promise a donation of one fourth of the funds

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	subscribed for by the public upto a limit of 25,000 Rs. together with such other reasonable facilities as may be required according to the nature and limit of the work finally undertaken.
	15. The object is certainly a landable one deserving of liberal support from our state, but it remains to be seen whether the promoters will be able to achieve their object to any substantial extent
	18.12.14 (illegible)
	16) Put up for remarks 24/12/14
Elmis 968/14 721	Sub? 22/12/14 71: Seen) 22/12
	17) The objects of the proposed Sanskrit Academy or Sanskrit Research Institute are stated to be the following:-

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	1. Establishment of a Library of Sanscrit works
	2. Lectures
	3. Occasional Conferences of Orientalists.
	4. Publication of a journal.
7.	The Academy is a private organisation to be maintained chiefly from public subscriptions and the question of giving a grant-in-aid from State funds can be considered only after it has been started and there is some tangible proof of what it is capable of accomplishing.
8.	We have already a Library maintained by Govt intended to serve the same object as that proposed in connection with the Academy. The Oriental Library at Mysore is intended to keep for public use all ancient works in Sanscrit as also all publications relating to modern researches in Sanscrit literature and philosophy. With such a library at Mysore it is doubtful if another is required at Bangalore. Very few persons are engaged in the advanced Study of Sanscrit or in doing any research work and their needs are amply provided for by the Govt

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	library maintained at State Cost at mysore. Public libraries, also ... [illegible] at Govt Cost, are being opened at mysore and Bangalore and books of General interest on Lamsent literature Criticism & Philosophy will be available there also. In such Circs the Case for a State Subvention for another library is not Strong. If however a good library is established and maintained from public Subscriptions Some Govt aid may be given but before the extent of public support and the usefulness of the library are known it is not possible to promise any definite grant-in-aid from State funds.
9.	The Second Object namely lectures, is of no particular benefit to mysore and the Grant of any aid from State funds for this purpose Can not be Supported.
10.	The G of India have I think the idea of arranging for Congresses of Orientalists Occasionally and is doubtful if this Object

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of the Academy must be part of its programme of work.

11. If the journal proposed to be published is found to be valuable it can be liberally patronized.

12. The proposal is still in the stage of a mere Scheme on paper Unless it materialises to some extent at least - Until also the extent of public support which the Scheme is able to obtain is known it does not appear to be possible or desirable to promise any definite financial State aid

Sd/ 3-1-15

(For VI)

Subd.

SW 7.1.15. Sec 4/ EHA.

Hm 7/1.

13. Subd to Dewan with the views of the 1st member (vide para 14) & the opinion of the Fin[e] Secy on the question of State aid to the projected Institution.

(Dewan)

CBS 13/2/15 Hm 13/2

5464 13-2-15

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14 I agree with the First Member. The gentleman concerned saw me also. He is no doubt an enthusiast and he wants Government to commit themselves to certain concessions and expenditure to enable him to canvas for funds. I would only repeat what I have said once before in my letter dated 18th April 1914 to the gentleman.

15 A reply may issue with the approval of the First Member.

2.5.15

16 Please put up draft-

17 Off. submd.

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20 The matter is all right- Please put it more sympathetically-

12/5/15-21 Please put up fair draft as revised & submit to 1st member.

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	22 Submd. with a fair draft. Augmentation 15/5- 8/2 13.5.15 1st member)
	23 Draft approved by First Member. 24-5-15.
	24) Approved 25/5 25/5
142	To Pandit Sri Mahabhagavat of Kurtkoti — . No 5132 dy 27.5.15 Informs that Govt. Sympathises with the objects of the movement and require Satisfactory indications to Show that the Scheme meets with adequate financial and other support, before they can give any Serious Consideration to the project —

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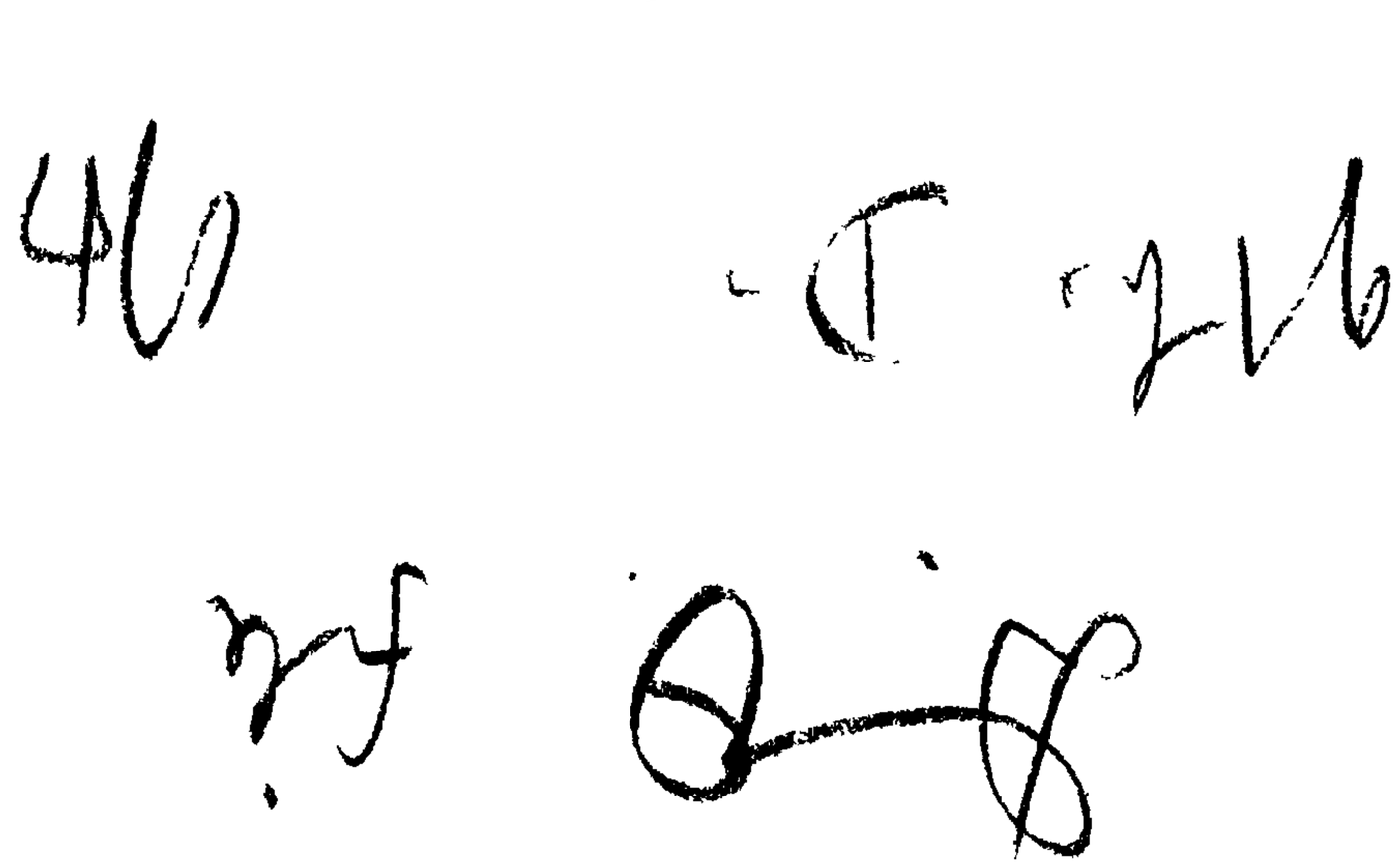

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GPB — 500—3-1-14

Mysore
21st June 14

D. O. No 1767

My dear Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th and the 18th inst and am very pleased to learn that the movement for the Establishment of a Sanskrit Institute at Bangalore is making progress

Yours Sincerely
Sd
Dewan

21-6-14

To

Sri Mahabhagavat
of Kumbakonam

D. O. No. 2 15-3

Bangalore,

14th June 1914.

Dear Sir,

I am glad to inform you that Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Willingdon accompanied by the Honble Resident in Mysore were kind enough to visit our Institute and go round

E.

the Shenkar Mutt, in
response to my request,
during their moter drive
through the city.
I shall be leaving
this tonight for my
native place Kurtkoti
(Dharwar Dist).

With best regards,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Mahadeva Rao

M. Vishweshwaraiya Esq. C.I.

D. O. No. 2x1552 573

Mysore,

10th June 1914.

My dear Sir,

I had called upon you this morning to request you personally that you should kindly make it convenient to grace by your presence the meeting that we proposed to have regarding the starting of the Sanskrit Institute in Bangalore.

The meeting was held successfully this evening and the First Councillor was also pleased to attend the meeting.

As I was busy in connection with the meeting in the evening I could not call upon you this evening as desired by you.

I am going to Bangalore this night and will have the pleasure of seeing you when I go to Bangalore on the next occasion.

I am enclosing a copy of the prospectus showing the aims and objects of our proposed institution for your information.

Yours sincerely,

Mahabhapavi

M.Visvesvaraya, Esq: C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Mysore.

THE

SANSKRIT RESEARCH INSTITUTE,

BANGALORE.

With a view to revive our ancient learning and extend its benefits to the people, His Holiness the late Jagadguru of Sringeri has established a high class Sanskrit College in a magnificent building specially erected for the purpose in the Shankarpur Extension of the Bangalore City. Such an undertaking is quite in keeping with the several beneficent activities started for the general advancement of his subjects by His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore who was graciously pleased to perform the opening ceremony of this useful institution

2. The students specially selected for higher Sanskrit studies in Mimamsa and Vedanta in this institution, are granted decent scholarships They are also provided with residential quarters, for which a substantial contribution has been made by Mr V. P. Madhava Row, the then Dewan, who was also instrumental in bringing about the early and successful completion of the College buildings under the direction of His Holiness

3 Owing to the existence of this institution and the proposal, under the auspices of the Economic Conference, to start an independent University for Mysore, Bangalore promises to become an important centre of higher literary and scientific activities, particularly so, as the famous Indian Institute of Science is also located here. Under these favourable circumstances, it is considered opportune to start a movement under the designation of the "Sanskrit Research Institute" with its head quarters in Bangalore, for further advancing the cause of Sanskrit learning.

4. Before describing the aims and objects of the proposed movement, it is necessary to state that the execution of this idea has been greatly facilitated by the readiness with which the authorities of the Sri Sringeri Math have come forward to help this noble cause, by freely offering a considerable part of the extensive Shankar Math building for locating the proposed institution. This generous concession, coming as it does from one of the most important centres of religious inspiration in Southern India, is in itself sufficient to move all patriots and lovers of Sanskrit learning in every part of India to take the necessary steps for advancing the cause and helping the establishment of this All-India Sanskrit Research Institute.

5. It is not necessary to dilate at length on the reasons underlying the present movement. There are many institutions in India and elsewhere, doing work more or less connected with Sanskrit learning. But none of them is actually engaged in the field of activities now proposed to be assigned for the movement under consideration. Even a superficial glance at the different journals and publications issuing from the existing institutions, will show that there is a remarkable dearth of deep and critical studies in the higher *Sastraic* branches of Sanskrit learning. The comparatively modern developments of thought reached in the higher fields of **Nyaya and Vedanta,** for instance, by such towering intellects as **Gadadhara and Jagadeesa, Madhusudhana Saraswati and Brahmananda, Srutaprakasikacharya and Vedanta Desika, Jayatirtha and Vyasaraya,** have so far remained outside the scope of the existing institutions, as may be judged from their proceedings and publications. In fact, there is scarcely any publication which aims at giving in lucid and readable Sanskrit, the results of research work connected with really higher *Sastraic* studies. The modern journals dealing with research work are all published in English, and the matter therein more or less deals superficially with ordinary topics. These publications in English, whatever research work there may be in them, are evidently of no use to our Sanskrit Pandits.

6. One of the objects of the proposed institution is, to publish in easy readable Sanskrit, the results of critical studies of higher subjects so that the publication may serve a double purpose:—

(*i*) To create an incentive in the Sanskrit Pandit for producing similar useful works connected with his own branch of study.

(*ii*) To enable the modern scholar with his comparatively limited knowledge of Sanskrit to gain an insight into the precious and inaccessible literary treasures, available in the higher *Sastraic* lore couched in abstruse and technical language.

It is also the object of the Institute to publish in English, original articles, criticisms and notes on modern lines, connected with higher Sanskrit literature from a comparative standpoint in relation to European literature on similar topics.

7. Thus the aims and objects of the proposed institution are unique, and considering the great incentive recently given by the Government of India to advance the cause of higher Sanskrit study in different parts of India, it is hoped that this All-India Sanskrit Research Institute will form a connecting link to bring together the several scattered institutions in India into a sort of harmony with one another as, every such individual institution already started or to be so started under the patronage of Government, is expected to co-operate with this proposed *Sanskrit Research Institute*. To accomplish all this, it is proposed to start an Anglo-Sanskrit quarterly Journal to be conducted by eminent pandits and scholars on modern lines.

8. The Institution has also the object of arranging, as far as practicable, for periodical lectures to be delivered in different centres of India on interesting literary topics. It is further proposed to hold occasional Conferences of distinguished scholars and Pandits for discussing important literary or Sastraic subjects and generally for promoting the aims and objects of the Institute.

9. A preliminary public meeting will be convened at Mysore on this auspicious occasion of His Highness the Maharaja's Birthday festivities, at which measures for the development of these proposals will be duly considered.

K. P. Puttanna Chetty,
Dewan Bahadur: Retired 1st Member of Council,
Mysore Government.

J. S. Chakravarti, M.A., F. R. A. S. Etc.,
Dewan Bahadur, Comptroller to the Government of Mysore.

G. Aravamudaiengar, B.A., B.L.,
Muzrai Superintendent, Mysore.

H. Ramayya,
Retired Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore.

Karpur Shrinivasrao, B. Sc., L. C. E.,
Chief Engineer of Mysore.

V. S. Srinivasa Sastri, B.A.,
Member of Legislative Council, Madras.

R. Gopal Row, M.A., B.L.,
Sub-Judge, Madura District.

Y. G. Nadgir, L.M. & S., M.S.; F. C. P. S.,
Professor of Anatomy,
Grant Medical College, Bombay.

Mahabhagavat of Kurtkoti, M. R. A. S.,
Vidyabhushana, Vedantavachaspaty, Examiner for the
Zala Vedanta Prize Sanskrit paper at the M. A. Examination,
Bombay University.

Mysore,
June 1914.

THE G. T. A. PRESS, MYSORE.

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Dawgar
18th April

To

Pandit Shri Mahabhagavat,

Kurtkoti, Dharwar District.

Dear sir,

With reference to the interview you had with the Dewan on the proposal to establish in Bangalore an Institute for the promotion of research and scholarship in Sanscrit, I am desired to state that, while sympathising with the objects of the movement, he considers that satisfactory indication should be forthcoming of the financial and other ~~public~~ support that ~~may be~~ expected before Government the promoters from the public are able to give any definite consideration to ~~could take up~~ the project, ~~for their serious consideration.~~

Yours sincerely

18.4.14
RB

P. S D.

May be fr

D. O. No. fr 1387 (b)

Kurtkoti. (Dt. Dharwar)

17th. April 1914.

Dear Sir,

your kihd letter of the 14th inst. just to hand. It is some two or three days since I received your previous letter. Thank you. I am sending herewith another copy of the brief statement of objects, means and requirements of the proposed sanskrit institute at Banglore. I am ready to see you, if you so desire, to give you any further information in connection with the matter.

If I am not troubling you I request you to expedite the matter as early as possible and send me a sympathetic reply signed by the Dewan himself. Mr. V.P. Madhavrao has been writing to me repeatedly, asking me to go over to Baroda to see the Gayakwad before His Highness will be leaving for England. I have been waiting only for your Dewan saheb's kind reply. As the institution is to be located in your state it is quite natural that out-siders, before rendering their help, may wish to know what assistance we may hope to get from your state. The promise made by the Agent of the Shringeri Math to allow us to occupy the huge building of the Shringeri math, serves as a strong reason for the satisfaction of enquirers as to the choice of the locality of the institute at Benglore, though my personal inclination towards the city is chiefly based on the fact that it is situated in Mysore, the only canarese speaking native state. The feeling is keen in my mind that while other parts of India have their centers of literary movements, the kannadaspeaking country alone should lack such.

Since the kannadaspeaking population form a small minority, the karnatak of this presidency has no hopes of having any such institutions. The proposed Govt. Sanskrit college at poona will not be of much use to the Bombay Karnatak. Under these pitiable circumstances the only course left open for us is to seek refuge in the benevolent Maharaja of Mysore and avail ourselves of the generous regime of the present patriotic Dewan.

I have already informed you personally while at

Banglore last, of all my views in connection with the above matter and of my readiness to work for the proper management of the institute, I request you once more to lay them before the Dewan saheb and, if you deem fit, you may even place this letter before him with my sincere respects.

Hoping to be favoured early with the Dewan's reply.

I remain,

with kind regards,

yours sincerely,

Mahabhagwat

To,
S. Hiriyanna Esqre.
M.A., B.L.
Private Secretary
to the Dewan of Mysore
Bangalore

THE INDIAN SANSKRIT INSTITUTE.

A brief statement of objects, means, and requirements of the movement.

The object is to form a corporate body of the leading Sanskrit Scholars of all parts of the world, with a view to furthering the cause of Sanskrit Scholarship, and Research and also bringing modern and intelligent criticism to bear upon the old ideas, practices, customs &c. of the people of this land. It is proposed to work it on lines somewhat similar to those of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland and the Academy of France. Its membership will be thrown open to all scholars irrespective of caste, creed or colour. It will aim at bringing together in sympathetic co-operation, the old orthodox Pandit of the East and the reformed critic and savant of the West.

The means of attaining the objects are:-

1. A library, not only of ancient Sanskrit Works, but also of modern Criticism.
2. Lectures by accredited scholars of the East and the West.
3. Occasional Congresses of scholars, like the 'Congress of Orientalists', in Europe.
4. The publication of an Anglo-Sanskrit Quarterly Journal containing the transactions of the Society, special papers, criticisms, and lectures.

Funds required.

For a Library ..	...	Rs. 50,000
For the maintenance of the Establishment and other incidental expenses..	...	" 1,50,000
		Rs.2,00,000

(Besides annual subscriptions from members.)

The idea is to locate the institution in the Sankara Mutt Building, Bangalore. The agent when he was here last said that such a use of the Building would be permissible provided it did not clash with the maintenance of the existing Sanskrit College of the Mutt.

It is proposed to approach the Maharajas and Princes of India for help.

His Excellency the Viceroy when he last visited Sankar Mutt was informed of this object and H.E warmly approved of the idea. ~~And~~ H.E. he was also presented with an album of the Sankara Mutt views.

The amount of Rs. 2 lacs may be collected in about three years.

A number of leading gentlemen in different parts of India have enthusiastically applauded this idea. Now, to launch the movement constitutionally it is proposed to hold as early as possible a public meeting at Bangalore.

Temporarily, Messrs. Karpur Srinivasa Rau, Chief Engineer, Mysore, and V. Subrahmanya Iyer, Headmaster, Government High School, Bangalore, and myself will act as Secretaries.

17th April 1914 Mahabharat

(copy)

To,

M. Visweshwaraya Esqr C.I.E

Dewan, Mysore State

Bangalore

SHRI MAHABHAGAVAT

D. O. No. 7.1380

Kurtkoti
(D. L. Sharma)
27th March, 914

Dear Sir

I had

Jour for

your kind letter

of the 25th

which I got

just now.

I

shall be highly

obliged if you will kindly

send me the Devanagari

I have also presented yourself and the Dewan Saheb with two copies of the work. I have written the work in response to Lord Sydenham's enquiry and published through the encouragement given by the Hon'ble Mr. Claude H. Hill Member of Council (Educational Dept.) Bombay Government as may be seen from my preface to the work. If the Dewan Saheb says one word even about the work in his letter to me, it will indeed enable us to make our case stronger. I have already written you the opinion from the Dewan of Kolhapur. Mr. V.P. Madhav Rao has kindly sent his opinion of from Baroda. I hope to get the opinion from my friend Sir. Narayan Chandavarkar also from Indore by that time. I request you to place this letter before the Dewan Saheb with my request that he may be pleased to write one line at least - about the booklet.

Yours etc Mahadev Govind

P.S. ~~I~~ We are going to hold a Pandits meeting here on Shri Rama Navami (ie on the 4th April) and submit an appeal to ~~the~~ Government for encouraging the study of Sanskrit. All the opinions from eminent gentlemen on my newly published book "Study of Sanskrit" ~~which~~ will be published & attached to the appeal. I have shown you already, some of the opinions from eminent Scholars both European & Indian and

reply (signed by the Dewan
himself) as promised before
you leave Bangalore again
on tour. Mr. V. P. Madhava Rao
has written home to order
Baroda as early as possible.
His Highness the Gayakwad, it is
said, will be shortly leaving
Baroda for England. So
I must go here soon after
Shree Rama Navami be over.

Hoping to receive the Dewan's
reply by that time and thanking
you for the trouble I remain
Yours Sincerely
Mahadeva Rao

P. T. O

March 1914.

To

Pundit Mahabhagawat

of Kurtkoti,

Kurtkoti (Dharwar District)

My dear Sir ,

With reference to the proposal for the establishment of a Library and an Institute in Bangalore for the promotion of research and critical scholarship in the Sanskrit language the outlines of which you placed before the Dewan at the interview on the 13th instant, he desires me to state that, while sympathising with the general object of the scheme, he would like to be ~~kindly~~ informed of the financial support which may be expected [to be forthcoming] to ensure the permanent success of the Institute. He also agrees with you that the Institute should, as far as possible be open to all lovers of oriental learning and culture.

If the substantial fulfiment of these two conditions can be assured, the Dewan will be glad to consider the scheme sympathetically in view to recommend such assistance to the project as may be reasonable and possible.

Yours sincerely,

P.S.D.

PATAN BHAVAN,
RACE COURSE ROAD,
BANGALORE.

8th March 19

Sir,

As directed by you in the interview you were so kind as to grant me on Thursday last, I submit for your kind perusal a brief statement of objects, means and requirements of the proposed Indian Kanil Institute. I shall be highly obliged if you will kindly preside at a meeting to be convened

at the Sankara Mutt for
organizing a body to
carry out the scheme.
I need not repeat that
your presence will create
a healthy influence on
the minds of the people
and that it is left to you
to fix the date of the meeting
at your early convenience.
Hoping to be favored with
a kind reply -

I remain,
Yours truly,

M. Visvesvaraya Esqr. C.S.E.
Dewan of Mysore
Bangalore

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His Excellency the Viceroy when he last visited Sankar Mutt was informed of this object and warmly approved of the idea. And he was also presented with an album of the Sankara Mutt views.

The amount of Rs. 2 lacs may be collected in about three years.

A number of leading gentlemen in different parts of India have enthusiastically applauded this idea. Now, to launch the movement constitutionally it is proposed to hold as early as possible a public meeting at Bangalore.

Temporarily, Messrs. Karpur Srinivasa Rau, Chief Engineer, Mysore, and V. Subrahmanya Iyer, Headmaster, Government High School, Bangalore, and myself will act as Secretaries.

Mahobapwat
of Kurtkoti

Bangalore (4)
5th March 1914.

To

Pundit Mahabhagavat
of Kurtakoti,
"Patan Bhavan",
Bangalore

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of yesterday's date to the address of the Dewan enclosing introductory notes from Messrs V. P. Madhava Rao and Karpur Shrinivasrao, and requesting an interview, I am desired to state that the Dewan will be glad to see you in his office between 3.30 & 5 p.m. today or at his residence between 8 and 10 a.m tomorrow.

Yours faithfully,

P. S. D.

Palace Bhavan

4th March 1914

Sir,

I thought I am not acquainted with your good self I take the liberty of writing this note and enclosing herewith the letters of introduction from V. P. Madhava Rao Esqre & Kasturi Srinivasa Rao Esqre. I shall be staying here for three or four days more. In the meanwhile

I have appeal desire of
keeping my respects from. I should
be highly obliged if you will
let me know when & where I
may meet you.

With respect I remain
Your true
Mahabharata

KARPUR · SHRINIVASRAO

Bangalore
2/3/14

To

The Secretary
Board of Studies
in Sanskrit
Bangalore University
Jnanabharathi
Bangalore 560 056

Sir,

I am a great admirer of Sanskrit Scholarship and also an Examiner for the M.A. Examination in Sanskrit, for Kannada special language Proficiency

in that language.

He has written a booklet in English showing the great necessity of improving the methods of teaching and study of the Sanskrit language. He has been greatly encouraged by the Bombay govt: and the letters he has received from the Governor

Hill and other Europeans who have seen his work.

He wants to do somethi

work in our province -
by recommending
the methods of their work
for the consideration
of our government.

I shall now beg to call
Mr Findlay Shearer to
the platform for their
award prize and
opportunity to explain
his plan:-

I myself am
talking some interest
in the proposal for the
reporting of Scottish
teaching in our

My dear Mr. Visvesvaraya.

I have great pleasure in introducing
Mr. Mahabhagavata to you. He has made the
spread of Sanskrit learning and Indian
Philosophy his mission in life and has already
interested the Bombay Government in promoting
the study of Sanskrit on Pandit-methods.
He is himself a Sanskritist of
District and devotes most of his income in
maintaining students and imparting instruction
in Sanskrit.

Yours sincerely
V. Ramachandra Rao

Harihar
23/2/1914

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OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO
H. H. THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Mysore, Dated, 9th October 1914.

Petition No.451 dated 5th October 1914, from Mr. Mahabhagavat, Bangalore, is forwarded with compliments to the Dewan of Mysore, Mysore, for favour of disposal.

By Order.,

Jn. Sh. Balakrishna

For Huzur Secretary.

To the Secretary

In view of the 1st Question may be ascertained on the return of Duty

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THE PRIVATE SECRETARY
No. 451
1914

Bangalore,

5-10-1914.

Dear Sir,

When last His Highness the Maharajah was graciously pleased to grant me an interview, and when I had also the honour of being present at the 'At Home' party of His Highness the Yuvarajah, I could not think of taxing their Highness's kindness too much by giving them an account, however brief, of what has been done in the matter of starting the Sanskrit Academy in connection with the Sankara Mutt at Bangalore. As their Highnesses take a special interest in this movement, I think I should be failing in my duty if I failed to acquaint them with the amount of progress that has been made since I had last had the honour of an interview with their Highnesses at Ooty. I request, therefore, that you will be so kind as to submit the following to them:--

I have had, in this connection, many interviews with the leading scholars, like Dr. Bhandarkar, Prof. Ranade, and Prof. Apte and leading gentlemen like Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, the Hon'ble P. D. Pattani, Principal D. G. Padhye of Bombay, Principal Paranjpye of Poona, and especially Chiefs of Native States like Jamkhandi and Ichalkaranji. They have all, with one voice, applauded the idea, and have signified their willingness not only to co-operate, but also to make substantial contributions according to their means. But wherever I go, the first question put to me is, what has the Mysore Government, or H. H. the Maharajah done, or intends to do for the Academy. Before getting some idea of this, they say, they cannot make their minds known to me definitely.

Though they are all natives of the Bombay Presidency, and though Bangalore is far outside their country, yet they have some

special reasons for considering Bangalore most suitable for locating the Academy in. In the first place, in no other Native State, nay, in no other big city in India, excepting Benares, are so many learned Sanskrit scholars to be found in a body, and so much state encouragement given to Sanskrit learning. Next, all the Chiefs and Rajahs of the Southern Mahratta country have the profoundest veneration for the memory of His Holiness the late Sringeri Swami, and wish to perpetuate his memory in this special manner, by associating Sanskrit learning with his name and with the grqnd building erected by him. Further, the name of Sankara is enough to command the regard and respect of Sanskrit scholars in every part of India. And this Mutt built at such enormous cost cannot be put to a better use. Lastly, the climate of Bangalore is also a most important factor.

But for these, and for a few other considerations, such as the esteem in which almost every part of India holds the Royal House of Mysore, Bombay or Poona would have been thought of as a suitable centre by them.

I have laid all these points before the Dewan Saheb. He, however, thinks that no state aid can be promised till the public make their contributions. But the public of the Bombay presidency will not say what they propose to do till the Mysore State or His Highness makes known the nature of the support they wish to give. If it would not, be considered presumptuous on my part, I should ask the gracious favour of their Highnesses heading the list of contributors.

To-night I shall be leaving this for Kurtkoti.

With the most sincere gratitude for the exceptionally kind treatment so graciously accorded to me by their Highnesses,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Mahabhagavat

To

Mirza M. Ismail Esq., B.A.,

Huzur Secretary

to His Highness the Maharahah of Mysore.

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Kurtkoti,
19th November 1914.

From

Sri Mahabhagavat

of Kurtkoti,

Bombay Presidency.

DIARY No 896

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To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Secretary to the Government of H.H.the Maharaja of Mysore,
Departments of Education and Agriculture,
B a n g a l o r e.

S i r,

While thankfully acknowledging receipt of your letter No.862 dated Bangalore, 29th October 1914, I beg I may be informed definitely on what points you require detailed information. I shall be most happy to furnish any details you require. I have submitted an outline of the scheme, with the object, to be achieved, to the Dewan Saheb. If it could be sent for, you can see what my ideas are on the subject.

The chief object is to, bring together, on the same platform the Eastern and the Western scholars of Sanskrit, the old pandits and the modern critics, and to give the benefit of such literary co-operation to the public at large.

I have the honour to be,
S i r,
Your most obedient servant,
Mahabhagavat

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No. 862

Diary No. of letter replied to—

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 29.10.14

Signed by M A.V. Ramanathan

To

Mahabhagavat Esqre.

Trustee, Udupi Bombay

Residency.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 5th October 1914 addressed to the Hon'ble Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja praying for help in the matter of starting a Sanskrit Academy in connection with the Sankara Mutt at Bangalore, and to request

over.

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you to be so good as to ~~state~~ give definitely in more detail, and a definite idea as to what of the Contemplated ~~what~~ is meant by ~~a~~ Sanskrit Academy,

and what work is proposed to be done ~~to~~ thereby what objects will be achieved

~~thereby~~ by it.

I am to add that ~~it is~~ only after getting full information on the above points, Govt will consider ~~what help should be provided~~

I have &c

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Asst Secy. Govt Agl &c
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Date of issue 27/5/15

Signed by Er~ A. K. R

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Serial No. 142

No. 5732

To Panoit Shri
Mahabhagavat of Kurtkoti
Dharwar Dt.

Sir,

With refce to correspce.
ending with your letter, 19.11.14
requesting the grant of Govt.
help for the Establishment
of a Sanskrit Academy
at Bangalore, I am
directed to say that as already
communicated to you by the
Private Secy to the Dewan of

over.

Mysore in his letter of
18th April 1914 Govt. sympathise
with the objects of your
movement but at the same
time before they are able
to give any serious consideration
to the project, they require
satisfactory indications to
show that the scheme meets
with adequate amount
of financial and other
support at the hands of the
public.

I have etc.

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